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A TRUE
ACCOUNT
Of the Late
PYRACIES
OF
JAMAICA;
THE

Authors, Abettors, and Encouragers thereof.

With other TRANSACTIONS
relating thereto.

By One just arrived from that ISLAND.

To which is added,
A Genuine LETTER to a
very Eminent Personage concern'd.

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THE Depredations, Pyracies, and Hostilities committed by the Sloops of *Jamaica* on the *Spaniards*, have lately, as I am informed, been much complained on, *very justly*, and various Accounts given thereof; of the Manner how, the Place where, and the Time when; which, being differently related, do very much distract the *Publick*, who are at a Loss for the Certainty of this Affair, and would, no doubt, very willingly

willingly be informed thereof: --- For which I now set Pen to Paper.

And, indeed, it is the more necessary for me (whom, courteous Reader, you will, by the subsequent Pages, find every Way qualify'd for this Undertaking) to lay *such* an Obligation on the *Publick*, as several *evil-disposed* Persons have pretended to insinuate to the *Town*, that the Account *recorded* hereof, at a *Publick Register*, by my much honoured and well informed Friend and Patron Doctor S—l P—e, under the Style and Title of, *The Affidavit of S——l P—e*, Esq; Secretary and Commissary of the Island Jam—a, and that *honourable* and *worthy* Gentleman, Mr. W—r A—g—tn, of Port-Royal, Merchant; are not to be depended upon: And these *Evil Men* go so far as to persuade the *Publick* into a Disbelief of the *Veracity* delivered by *those* Gentlemen, and raise many idle, plausible Stories, whereby they *entirely clear* the Persons *designed* to be charged by the Testimony aforesaid; which Stories, should they gain Credit, would in all Probability frustrate the many good Endeavours, the Industry, Activity, Diligence and Expence of those
Excellent

Excellent Patriots, Politicians and Statesmen of Jam—a, Mr. P—t—r B—ck—d, J—n Bl—r, C—s, C—p—n T—s B—k—d, and several others, for the Good of the whole Island, to their unspeakable Disappointment, and my own particular Loss and Misfortune, as will appear by the Sequel.

For these, and divers other good Considerations, I shall, by a true Account of some *private Councils* and Conferences held in *Jam—a*, some time ago, so evidence to the World the Truth of the *Pyracies* register'd as aforesaid, that no one hereafter shall call the same in Question: And as I design to be very just in this Relation, so I shall insert as well what other occasional Affairs then pass'd, the better to illustrate the Reasons and Motives thereof; as also to shew the Envy and Ill-nature of some Persons, whom the very great Merit of the *Learned and Experienc'd Dr. P—e* has made his Enemies, and who, by unkind Reflections on his Understanding, have endeavour'd to *eclipse that Fame* he so justly and indisputably has acquired; which

which (that you may see what I give you is authentick, and as I shall from thence deliver my Account) is here inserted.

A Copy of a Publick Act in Jam—ca.

*Jam—ca ss. Die Veneris tertio
die Februarii, 1715.*

Present

—	}	Esqs;	—	}	Esqs;
—			—		
—			—		
—			Esq;		

Samuel Page, Esq; Secretary, desired Leave of the Board to be absent a Fortnight for his Health, and that Mr. Wagstaffe might continue to officiate in his room. Which was allowed him.

But the Board taking the said Motion into farther Consideration, were unanimously of Opinion, that Mr. Page was not incapable of attending this Board through any Indisposition of Body, but was altogether insufficient for the Business thereof; and had, for the little Time he had served, given the Board

so

so much Trouble and Uneasiness, through his Want of Capacity to take the Minutes, some Member or other of the Board having been obliged to do all the Business themselves, that they unanimously agreed it was absolutely necessary to excuse Mr. Page altogether from his Attendance on this Board, as they are a Part of the Legislature, and resolved to recommend some other Person, — to be appointed their Clerk in such Capacity.

By this, perhaps, some ignorant People may imagine, there is something like a Council in Jam—*a*, who have no very good Opinion of the most ingenious Doctor *P—e*; but whatever Title they may take upon themselves *There*, I do *Here*, upon my own Veracity and Credit, assert and assure the World, that there has been many Years a Council in that Island, held and kept up by Men of Characters and Capacities, too extraordinary for my Pen to describe; and the Good or Ill of the Country has always been canvassed among 'em. The Character and Testimonial of which Board is abundantly preferable to the other; and I myself am Secretary and Clerk

Clerk of this Council; and the Cause of my Knowledge in the Matters herein before and after related, is my being in the said Posts.

To proceed.

On the 4th Day of February last, P——r B——ck——d, President of this Council, order'd the Members to attend the Publick Service at the Widow's, at 5 the next Day in the Evening; and accordingly the Members met, and sat in Council in their Places.

C O P Y of the Minutes.

Die Dom. 5. die Februarii, 1715-16.

Present

P——r B——ck——d, Esq; President.

C—C—p—n	} Esq;	S—P—e	} Esq;
J—Bl——r		W—A—gt—n	
I—B—k—d		L—G—d—y	

' After the usual Salutation, drinking Confusion to their Enemies, Success to Mr. F—s M—ch, &c.

' It

' It was resolved, that the Debates
' for the Welfare of the Board and
' their Friends, be managed in a free
' Conference, and minuted down.
' Which was done; and is as fol-
' lows:

' P. B. Gentlemen, I am sorry the
' Dispute with the pretended Council
' has lasted so long; and instead of
' having *their* Chamber to *ourselves*,
' you see *they* have been insolent e-
' nough to expel a very worthy and
' useful Member of *this* Board; who,
' by attending with them, did us great
' Service.

' C. C. Why ay! the Dr. is hardly
' used by 'em, if they could bring the
' People to believe it.

' T. B. Hardly used, say you!
' Death and Furies! — had they pre-
' tended to call me Fool so, — I'd have
' massacred every Mother's Son of
' em

' S. P. Mr. B—k—d, you might
' have done so, and no body wonder'd
' at it; but it is not my Business to
' kill Men that Way.

B

T. B.

‘ *T. B.* Pox on you for a Tame
 ‘ Coxcomb, you have not Credit e-
 ‘ nough in your own Profession to
 ‘ come at ‘em there.

‘ *J. B.* Come, come, be easy *Tom* :
 ‘ let’s not wrangle among ourselves,
 ‘ Man, — Dr. *P—e* has a Capacity
 ‘ and Parts, no one can dispute ; and
 ‘ for this little Skit of *that* Council-
 ‘ Board, it signifies not a Fig ; you
 ‘ are satisfy’d, Dr. no body believes
 ‘ them i’t’h Right but themselves.

‘ *P. B.* Why really, Gentlemen,
 ‘ our Management has been *so dex-*
 ‘ *trous*, and our Conduct *so singular*,
 ‘ we have the *Reputation* of acting for
 ‘ the Publick Good, and cannot be
 ‘ guilty of any Thing in the Eyes of
 ‘ the People ; — the Clamour you
 ‘ see is all turned t’other Way.

‘ *S. P.* Yes, Sir, the very great
 ‘ Abilities of the President of *this*
 ‘ Board has in a most *extraordinary*
 ‘ Degree contributed thereto, and
 ‘ which his Adversaries dare not con-
 ‘ test with him, altho’ they would,
 ‘ *vis & modis*, caluminate the same.

‘ *T. B.* Egad, Dr. you may have
 ‘ some Sense, but a damn’d formal
 ‘ Way

‘ Way of delivering it; and then, to
 ‘ show your Learning, you *Latinize*
 ‘ upon us. Prithee keep that to make
 ‘ old Women think highly of your
 ‘ Knowledge when you give a Gly-
 ‘ ster.

‘ *S. P.* Sir, the Manner in which
 ‘ you express your self is such, that
 ‘ obliges me to —

‘ *P. B.* Pray *Dr. P—e* don’t mind
 ‘ what my Brother says, you know
 ‘ his Way; I’ll answer for him: He’s
 ‘ your very good Friend; therefore
 ‘ shake Hands. — Let this Sort of
 ‘ Wit die in this Company — very
 ‘ well. — Now let’s think of what
 ‘ may be necessary.

‘ *J. B.* I am of Opinion, the first
 ‘ Thing we go upon ought to be the
 ‘ clearing this worthy Member’s Un-
 ‘ derstanding from that ill Reputation
 ‘ it lies under; and this by an Act of
 ‘ the Board.

‘ *C. C.* I second the same, and pro-
 ‘ pose, that the learned *Dr. P—e*, and
 ‘ *W—l—r A—gt—n*, Esq; retire in-
 ‘ to the President’s Apartment, to draw
 ‘ up a Testimonial for the Vindication
 ‘ of the great Capacities and good

‘ Sense of that worthy Member from
 ‘ the Aspersions cast thereon.

‘ *P. B.* Gentlemen, is this your
 ‘ Pleasure?

‘ *Omnes.* Ay, Ay, Ay.

‘ Resolved, that the Members afore-
 ‘ said withdraw for that Purpose, be
 ‘ allowed Candles, Pen, Ink, and Pa-
 ‘ per, a Bottle of the best *Madera*,
 ‘ and the *Widow* for their Assistant.

‘ And they withdrew accordingly.

‘ The Remains of the Council
 ‘ smok’d much, and said little, till at
 ‘ length *T—s B—k—d* broke Si-
 ‘ lence.

‘ *T. B.* I don’t know what very
 ‘ great Opinion others may have of
 ‘ the Doctor; but if that other Coun-
 ‘ cil differed from me in nothing
 ‘ else, we should be of the same
 ‘ Mind.

‘ *J. B.* I tell you, *Tom*, the Doctor
 ‘ is a most useful Man; and tho’ he
 ‘ has not the good Fortune of every
 ‘ one’s Opinion, will be very service-
 ‘ able to us.

‘ *T. B.* A very useful Man indeed!
 ‘ We all know he was reckon’d but
 ‘ a vile Apothecary at *Wapping*; and
 ‘ his

' his Skill that Way is so little, he
 ' should not prescribe to a Negroe of
 ' mine for the Tooth-ach: His Capa-
 ' city for Publick Posts are very favou-
 ' rably spoke of in these Minutes of
 ' him; and, for Quickness of Appre-
 ' hension, or Invention, I have sat in
 ' Council here some Time, and never
 ' heard him speak more to the Pur-
 ' pose, than *Tom B—k—d*, tho' in-
 ' deed he talks more formally.

' C. C. You are not much mista-
 ' ken, Mr. *B—k—d*: We may think
 ' so of him, but not tell him so.

' P. B. I desire there may be no
 ' more of this; but as I know my
 ' Brother's Temper, I must here de-
 ' clare the Doctor a useful Member of
 ' this Board, altho' the Minutes afore-
 ' said may have done him no Inju-
 ' stice; and there will be a Service,
 ' wherein a Man of *his Capacity* is
 ' most fit to be employed.

' T. B. Humph! ——— I don't well
 ' understand this ——— !

' C. C. There are some Errands,
 ' Mr. *B—k—d*, you know, none but
 ' Fools will go on; and some Affairs,
 ' that none but half witted Fellows,
 ' well

‘ well manag’d, can go thorough Stitch
 ‘ with.

‘ *T. B.* Ay! now this is some-
 ‘ thing. — Since I see you design
 ‘ to make a Cats-foot of him, I’m ea-
 ‘ sy. — Why the Devil had you not let
 ‘ me known as much before; then
 ‘ I had never jangled with him: But
 ‘ when I know you take me for a Mad-
 ‘ man, would it not vex one to see
 ‘ such a *solemn Trifler* receive your
 ‘ Respect, as if Gravity and many
 ‘ Words were Wisdom and good Sense?
 ‘ Now I’m satisfy’d, and for the future
 ‘ will pay him the *Decorum* of a *Span-
 ‘ niard*.

‘ A Message from Doctor S——l
 ‘ P——e and W——l——r A——gt——n, that
 ‘ they are ready to present to the
 ‘ Board the Testimonial, according to
 ‘ Order; and they were called in, pre-
 ‘ sented the same, which was read;
 ‘ and some Amendments being made
 ‘ in the Spelling and Sense, was agreed
 ‘ to as follows:

“ This Board taking into Confide-
 “ ration a Paper Writing, entituled,
 “ *Minutes of a Council* held the 3d of
 “ February

“ *February Instant*, do hereby think
 “ fit to declare, that the Contents
 “ thereof are malicious, ill-natur’d,
 “ and unjust, highly reflecting upon
 “ *S——/ P——e Esq;* Professor of Phy-
 “ sick, and Adept in Chiromancy,
 “ Natural Magick, and the Black Art;
 “ and this Board likewise considering
 “ the ill Consequences might ensue,
 “ should this Paper pass upon the Pub-
 “ lick, without a Refutation, have
 “ thought fit, and do hereby give,
 “ grant, and publish this Testimonial
 “ in Behalf of the said Doctor *S——/*
 “ *P——e*; whereby the Falsity in that
 “ Assertion, of a Defect in his Capa-
 “ cities, may be clearly manifested:
 “ It is therefore declared, that the
 “ said Doctor has an extraordinary
 “ Genius, the most universal and com-
 “ prehensive of any particular Man
 “ we ever heard of; and this is evi-
 “ dent, when the World shall know that
 “ his peculiar Merit and distinguishing
 “ Capacities have render’d him *emi-*
 “ *nent among the Men, and beloved by*
 “ *the Ladies*: That his Knowledge
 “ and deep Reading is beyond what
 “ may be imagin’d; and the *elaborate*
 “ Issue

“ Issue of his own Brain, concerning
 “ Maladies and Distempers incident to
 “ the greatest Part of this new World,
 “ exceeds the Attempts of any other
 “ of his Profession, as contained in a
 “ Treatise; the Style and Summary
 “ Contents of which was advertised
 “ some Time since in the Publick
 “ Prints in the Island of *Britain*, un-
 “ der the Title of *Negritia: Or, A full*
 “ *Account of all Distempers incident to*
 “ *Negroes, and their certain Cure.*
 “ Tho’ the Modesty of Doctor
 “ *P—e* was so great, that fearing
 “ such an Excess of Knowledge might
 “ look like Ostentation, and draw up-
 “ on him the Ill Will of the College
 “ of Physicians, and the Royal So-
 “ ciety, he declin’d publishing the
 “ same, but now has it in his Closet,
 “ (as is averred at this Board) to be
 “ made use of for the Good of this
 “ Island, and will be left by him, out
 “ of his great Benevolence to Mankind,
 “ to be made Publick after his De-
 “ cease. — To speak of his admi-
 “ rable Skill in Surgery, would be al-
 “ together superfluous, after mention-
 “ ing the late famous Engine invented
 “ and adapted by himself, to clear
 “ the

“ the Doubts of amorous and time-
 “ rous Mortals, known by the Name
 “ of a *Speculum*; of which Tale no
 “ Person of Figure here is ignorant.

“ But as this Board do not think
 “ themselves capable of thoroughly
 “ discussing the Character of the said
 “ Dr. P—e, they content themselves
 “ with contradicting, in every Respect,
 “ the Imputations aforesaid, and de-
 “ clare such Persons as shall give heed
 “ to, or speak favourably of the said
 “ Minutes, shall be deem'd Enemies to
 “ this Board, and be censured as Knaves,
 “ Fools, or Madmen.

Passed by the Board *February 5. 1715.*

‘ Ordered, a Copy of the said Te-
 ‘ stimonial be delivered to Dr. S——
 ‘ P—e, signed by the President, in-
 ‘ dorsed by the Secretary, and sealed
 ‘ with this Council's Seal, to be pro-
 ‘ duced by him on occasion, for his
 ‘ Reputation, or Justification.

‘ The Board being acquainted by
 ‘ Mr. Ar——gt—n, that the Widow
 ‘ had been of great Service in putting
 ‘ together the Testimonial aforesaid,

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‘ ordered

ordered the Thanks of this Board be returned by Dr. P—e at the most convenient Time.

Ordered, that this Board be now adjourned, *sine die*, till Business requires their Sitting.

And the Board adjourned accordingly, every Man Home, except the Doctor, who, being much elated by *Madera*, and the Testimonial aforesaid, took this Night for returning the Thanks of the Board to the *Widow*, according to Order.

*Vera Copia. A Wagstaffe,
Secr. & Cler. Concil.*

There arrived in our Island soon after a *Spanish Don*, to complain of a few Sucking Pigs being stolen, and some Hen-roosts robb'd o't' other Side the Water. This Man had no more Wit than to address to a Set of People, who took upon 'em to exercise Acts of Government. — The Affair of itself was idle enough; — however, it had a very great Turn --- for Mr. P. B. being a judicious Man, foresaw this Matter, rightly managed, would be of Service to our Council; and could it
some

some way or other be link'd to a few Fishing-Boats, who went out a Bobbing for Grigs some time before, in a certain Water that did not belong to 'em, would overturn our Adversaries, and make Sport enough: — But there happened to be a Rub i'th' Way; for the *Boats Crew*, who stole these *Pigs and Poultry*, did belong to a Member of our Council; and the President and his Brother were said to have had Part of the *Pigs*, and to have made an Entertainment for the Board out of the Product of the Hen-roost; and these Boats were also gone a Fishing with the others. — This made the Project lie dormant for the present; but some little Time after, two of the Fishers returned with Pailfuls of Grigs, and other small Fry, and happened not to be the Boats concern'd in stealing the Poultry. — Now was the Time to digest the Affair; — Proper Measures were to be taken for advancing the Cause: Therefore the Council were ordered to be summoned to meet at the President's House the next Day, being *February 24.* at 5 in the Evening, — who met accordingly.

COPY of the Minutes.

Die Veneris 24. die Febr. 1715-16.

Present

P——r B——ck——d, Esq; President.

<i>C——C——p——n</i>	}	<i>W——A——gt——n</i>	}
<i>J——Bl——r</i>		<i>L——G——d——y</i>	
<i>T——B——k——d</i>		<i>Le——n——d B——rt——n</i>	
<i>S——l P——e</i>		<i>H——y V——n H——lt</i>	

The President presented a Paper-
 Writing very long, containing the
 many Disorders and Irregularities the
 Island laboured under, for Want of
 being entirely conducted by the Wis-
 dom of this Board, and the same was
 read, and (J——n B——r Esq; ac-
 knowledging he had been consulted
 in preparing the same) was agreed
 to by the Board, who observing the
 Paper bore no Title, by the Autho-
 rity of that Board, ordered it be en-
 titled, *A Representation of the As-
 sembly of Jam——a.*

The

The President then took Notice,
 that there being very great Sums
 raised by the Board and their Friends,
 lately, for carrying on the publick
 Service, it was necessary some Mem-
 ber might be appointed who should
 be entrusted therewith, and receive
 Instructions in that Behalf from the
 Board, or a Committee thereof, what
 should be done — and S—l P—e
 Esq; offering his Service, the Board
 were pleased to thank him, and to ac-
 cept the same, and Messieurs P—r
 B—ck—d, J—n B—r and T—s
 B—k—d were appointed a Com-
 mittee to give him his Instructions.

Ordered the Paper Writing, enti-
 tled, *A Representation of the Assembly*
of Jam—a, be sent over to Mr F—ls
 M—ch, to be delivered by him for
 our Service.

Ordered, that in Case it be requisite
 the Doctor should embark for Britain,
 the Committee appointed are impow-
 ered to give the necessary Instructions
 in the properest Manner, and that
 the Doctor go with such Instructions
 before they are reported to the Board,
 as the Business in Petto required Secre-
 cy

by and Dispatch, and that a Report
be made of the said Instructions ten
Days after the sailing of the Ship in
which the Doctor should embark.

And then the Board adjourned to
that Time.

*Vera Copia; A Wagstaffe,
Secr. & Cler. Council.*

Afterwards the Doctor was often seen
with the Spaniard, and having paid
several private Visits, kissed his Wife
and the Widow, he disappear'd on the
6th of March last, to the great Surprize
of all, not let into the Secret.

On the 19th, the Council being
summoned, met at the President's
House.

C O P Y of the Minutes.

Die Luna 19, die Martii, 1715 16.

Present
P——r B——ck——d Esq; President.

*C——s C——p——n } L——w——s G——ld——y }
J——n B——l——r } Le——n——d B——t——n }
T——s B——k——d } H——y V——n H——l——t }
E——s*

P——r

' *P—r B—k—d* Esq ; informed the
 ' Board, that *Dr. S—l P—e* embarked
 ' in the *Di—m—d* Man of War, Capt.
 ' *B—lch—n* Commander, the
 ' 6th Instant, which sailed that Day
 ' from *Port Royal*, and from the Lee-
 ' ward Part of the Island the 10th ;
 ' that the better to conceal his Depar-
 ' ture, Mr. *T—s B—k—d* had
 ' taken his Passage, and made Provision
 ' for going aboard the said Ship,
 ' and put up his own Name as going
 ' off the Island, and the Doctor imbar-
 ' ed but the Day the Ship sailed ; that
 ' the Doctor had received 2500 *l.* of
 ' the Subscription Money, and had
 ' Letters of Credit for more, if Oc-
 ' casion ; that he had likewise Instru-
 ' ctions drawn up for him to regulate
 ' his Conduct : Which Instructions he
 ' hoped were according to the Inten-
 ' tions, and for the Service of the
 ' Board ; and he presented a Copy
 ' thereof to the Board, which were
 ' read as follows.

" *INSTRUCTIONS* by the President
 " and Council for the good of their
 " own Board, their Friends and Depen-
 dants,

"dants, to S—~~pl~~ P—~~e~~ Esq; con-
 "stituted Agent and Solicitor in chief;
 "pro hac Vice. *Inst.* "You shall embark with all
 "Expedition and Secrecy for Great
 "Britain; and, immediately on your
 "Arrival there, shall give Notice thereof
 "to Mr. F. M—~~ch~~, our present
 "Agent there, and, as soon as may
 "be, obtain from him a full Informa-
 "tion of the State of our Affairs, and
 "what has been done by him.

2d. *Inst.* "You shall thereupon apply
 "in our Names, and by our Authority, to
 "Sr. G. H. and in proper Manner repre-
 "sent the whole Affair, or such Part as
 "the Circumstances of Things may
 "then demand, and request his Influ-
 "ence, Interposition, and Recommen-
 "dation, to redress our Grievances, and
 "pull down our Adversaries.

3d. *Inst.* "You shall, if possible,
 "turn the Complaint against our
 "Adversaries upon the Representation
 "lately transmitted, and other Male-
 "Administrations; but if this can no
 "ways be hearkned to, you are to
 "make use of the Papers concerning
 "the Spaniard's Complaints, and find
 "as

“ as much new Matter to aggravate
 “ it as may be *picked up* in Town : and
 “ it is expected that what *little* Eviden-
 “ ces or Affidavits may be wanting,
 “ will be supply’d on so important an
 “ Occasion by your self.

4th. *Inst.* “ Nevertheless, should the
 “ latter be the Case, and our Adversa-
 “ ries thereon disgrac’t, it must be given
 “ out by you and our Adherents there, and
 “ also writ over hither, that they are so
 “ disgraced for male Administration often
 “ complained on, and all the Spanish
 “ Affair must be *suppressed* when we
 “ have thereby effected the Scheme.

“ Trusting to your Abilities and
 “ great Love for the Cause,
 “ the Sum of 2500 l. with Let-
 “ ters of Credit on Occasion,
 “ are entrusted to your Ma-
 “ nagement, with Advice of
 “ Mr. M——rch, to dispose
 “ as may best forward your
 “ Purpose. And so wishing
 “ the desired Success, we doubt
 “ not these Instructions will
 D “ be

“ be faithfully and punctually
“ executed by you.

“ Signed by the President, and
“ sealed with his Seal of Office
“ the 5th of March 1715-16.

“ The said Instructions were unani-
“ mously approved of by the Board,
“ and Thanks returned the Committee
“ who prepared the same; and the
“ Board resolved that other Affairs be
“ managed in a free Conference.

C. C. Now Mr. B——k——d, you
see the Doctor has undertaken this Bu-
siness, and when his Hand's in, he'll ne-
ver boggle at an Oath or two to make
it pass glib.

T. B. Faith, Sir, he's a right Man, I
conversed pretty much with him on this
Occasion, and by my Soul, flatter him
in his Opinion of himself, and he'll do
any Thing but hang to serve you.

J. B. His Formality makes him pass
upon Strangers, and the Vulgar, for
a Man of Discretion and good Breed-
ing,

ing, which he certainly takes himself for : However, he is the properest Man to go on this Errand, for I foresee there must be abundance of grave Lying to bring it about, if nothing else. —

P. B. The Doctor does that naturally, and dont know it. — I forgot to tell you, *Watt* having some Business, is gone too; and I've laid such Orders upon him, he'll be ready at a dead Lift. You know the Fellow is good for little, but Number in Evidence signifies, and I'm sure *he makes one.*

L. B. I think my Part was omitted too; — I went Express to the Leeward, and told the Doctor and *Watt* false News about Condemnation of the Prize of *Fernando's*, which, perhaps, may be of Service for *them to swear by.*

H.V.H. Myn Heers, My Partem was someding like it. I whisper'd *Wadt* of a Bill of Sale of *Fernando's* Ship made to you know who, if he sweared en daft our Business done.

L. G. ' You all contrive your Bu-
 ' siness very well, Gentlemen; but
 ' what will become of me if he swear
 ' to Robbery of *De Cochon* and *Pouille*,
 ' and you Partner, what say you?

P. B. ' I could not overlook that,
 ' Monsieur G——ld——y, the Do-
 ' ctor has a List indeed of the fishing
 ' Boats, but *yours and mine* are returned
 ' *innocuous*; that is, did no Harm; so
 ' we are safe enough, for no Body
 ' can contradict it till it's over, then
 ' all is well.

C. C. ' But *my Name* will stand in the
 ' List; you should have taken some
 ' Care about that.

P. B. ' Ay. Mr. C——p——n, but
 ' your Vessel not being come in, could
 ' not be returned *innocuous*, as the o-
 ' ther, and you being so well known
 ' to our Friend, no Stress will be laid
 ' upon that; and besides, the Doctor
 ' has particular Directions on such an
 ' Occasion to *sweeten it*.

J. B.

J. B. ' The whole Affair is con-
 ' certed to a Miracle; but what say
 ' the others at the Doctor's leaving
 ' 'em thus, and how shall we supply
 ' so good a Man, to know their De-
 ' signs, and fill his Post.

P. B. ' I had contrived that too,
 ' and gave them the Choice of my-
 ' self, or *Wagstaffe*; but they chewed
 ' Thistles upon it, and refus'd us:
 ' However, when we succeed, all that
 ' is our own. In the mean time, as
 ' the Secretary has no Employment
 ' there at present, and the Business of
 ' this Board will be very little for some
 ' Time, I propose Mr. *Wagstaffe* to
 ' go over by the first Opportunity, and
 ' second the Doctor, assist on all Oc-
 ' casions, and give Advices to us what
 ' has been done, or is doing, from
 ' Time to Time.

' Which Proposition was unani-
 ' mously agreed to; and Mr. *Wag-*
 ' *staffe* being desired, did willingly un-
 ' dertake the same.

' Then

Then the Board sent for two Jew-
 thumps, a Creole Fiddle, and a pair
 of Bag-pipes, with Orders to Sawney
 to send in half a dozen dis-rob'd Fe-
 males of his own Complexion.

After much Mirth, more Noise,
 and superlative good Humour, half
 mad, and half drunk, the Board ad-
 journed *sine die*.

Vera Copia. A. Wag staffe.

According to these Orders, I pack'd
 up my Awls for *England*, got some
 Pieces of Eight advanc'd, stock'd myself
 with many new Inventions and Arti-
 fices to strengthen the *Doctor's*, and
 embark'd the 25th of *April* for *Lon-*
don; where I arrived about 5 Days
 since, and find every thing has suc-
 ceeded beyond our Wishes; and tho'
 some grumble at the Doctor, I believe
 they will be convinc'd, after reading
 this *Narrative*, he has done his Duty,
 fulfill'd his *Instructions*, and his Ac-
 counts

counts of the *Pyracies of Jam*—a
are set in a *right Light*, for the *Purpose*
they were to serve. In which having
nothing now to do, I think myself o-
bliged to congratulate the Success by
the following Letter.

All Illustrissimo Signore, Padrone
mio colendissimo, il Signore Sa-
muele Paggio Dottore Medico, &
Consigliere del Consiglio di Se-
creto in S^{to} Jago de la Vega Dot-
tissimo Astrologo, profondissimo
politico, Maestro in Menzonga.

Learned and Honoured Sir,

IT is with the greatest Admiration
I consider your *inimitable* Ma-
nagement, to which my Surprise at
so *unhop'd* a Success would be equal,
did I not at the same time reflect,
that so extraordinary a Genius must
produce Fruits agreeable! — To
say you have punctually executed the
Instructions of our Council Board,
would

' would vastly lessen your Perfor-
 ' mances. — No, Sir, — you have
 ' gone beyond all that ; — you have
 ' not only removed *our* Enemies, but
 ' cast the greatest *Odium* on 'em ; and
 ' even laid them at the Mercy of a
 ' *Discretionary* Interpretation of *their*
 ' Actions by *ourselves* for *Life, Liber-*
 ' *ty, and Estate* ! — How bravely
 ' we shall insult ! — Then *our*
 ' Friends are all put *into Power*, and
 ' C——p——n at the Head, tho'
 ' concern'd more than any *accused* :
 ' What Depth of Thought ? what
 ' deep Caballing ? *What earnest Soli-*
 ' *citations ? what Sums of Money ?*
 ' *what well turned Affidavits ? what a*
 ' *profound Ignorance and Suppression of*
 ' *Truth* ? must have brought all these
 ' *marvellous* Things to pass ! Oh ! Do-
 ' ctor, Doctor, how will your Name
 ' shine to all Posterity ? And *what*
 ' *Honour* have you done ——— by
 ' *Addressing to Him* ! — The Style,
 ' the Sense, and *Design* of that *Let-*
 ' *ter*, can never be worthily applaud-
 ' ed : — It will stand upon Record
 ' for the *Reputation* of you both, and
 ' perpe-

' perpetuate your Names and Actions,
 ' when plain, honest Men shall be
 ' forgotten in the Dust, and all their
 ' Endeavours buried in Oblivion. ---
 ' But could I enter into so extensive
 ' a Character, I would in pompous
 ' Lines set forth the amazing Steps,
 ' ——— the wonderful Series of so
 ' great a *Virtuoso's* Life: ——— I
 ' would trace you, Doctor, from the
 ' *Salve and Jollop Shop at Wapping*, to
 ' the present Time: ——— Oh! that I
 ' were capable justly to describe
 ' your Labours there, your Conde-
 ' scension in administring Glysters,
 ' spreading Plasters, and scraping
 ' Sauce-pans; and then, in proper
 ' Terms, represent that vile Ingrati-
 ' tude by which Men of Merit ge-
 ' nerally starve at Home! ——— Were
 ' I able afterwards to make the Voy-
 ' age with you to *Jamaica*, what an
 ' astonishing and diverting Scene, to
 ' behold the *Famous Doctor* as emi-
 ' nent in every other Capacity! ———
 ' to see him, I say, a *Victualler*, lay-
 ' ing in Stores of Beef and Pork,
 ' E. Oat-

Oatmeal and Tallow, Flower and
 Pease, &c. generously lend his Name
 and Hand to *his Friend*, to make
 up *profitable Accounts* with the
Publick, because *his Friend* did not
 care to appear the Knave himself. —
 Your Gallantry is likewise transcen-
 dent and beyond Description. —
 How many Times, for the Sake
 of *Ladies*, have you been crowded
 Neck and Heels in a Nook? —
 —how often kickt down Stairs for
 a *Foot-ball*! — I need not here in-
 large on your many uncommon Dis-
 coveries in Physick — shall only
 mention *that, of feeling the Ladies*
Pulse in Palma — where you always
 discover the Flaws in their Constitu-
 tion, and by a gentle salutary Pressure
 convey Restoratives to their Health and
 a Tenderneſs to their Imaginations. —
 Had Physicians here that useful Secret,
 what might they not effect! but alas!
 it must die with you, incomprehensi-
 ble to any lesser Genius! — What
 Inchantment, what Magick, does
 there lye, in that *crazie Body*, that
batter'd worn out Face, that *fawning*
formal

' formal Bow, that *subtle cringing* Aire
 ' and Mien, those flowing Words which
 ' dress out and adorn the most *insigni-*
 ' *ficant* Discourse! but whither am I
 ' running—— forgetful of your Endea-
 ' vours to make the S. S. Company
 ' sensible of your Merit and Intentions
 ' for their Service, who now must
 ' Night and Day repent their non-
 ' Acceptance-- convinc'd too late, alas!
 ' Your Generosity in acting in Publick
 ' is only for the good of others; as is
 ' now fully proved by *your* giving 500*l.*
 ' *per Annum* to do a Drudgery, your
 ' Predecessor gave but 250*l.* for the
 ' Profits of; and which others
 ' think so hard a Bargain, that 'tis
 ' *publickly reported, double Fees* are and
 ' must be *exacted* to make it up;----
 ' whether *that Exaction* does or would
 ' agree with *your* Honesty and Integri-
 ' ty—— I might determine,—— but
 ' having already said so much to so
 ' little Purpose, shall not insist upon
 ' it—— but according to *my Duty*,
 ' and *your Merit*, pass it over in Silence;
 ' —— which I the rather do, as it is
 ' perhaps

perhaps the most grateful Return
can be made for the many Obliga-
tions you have loaded on

Most Worthy Doctor,

June 21. 1716.

Your honoured Deputy,

And faithful Slave,

A. Wagstaffe.

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*The particular Merit of the Doctor
to a Noble Lord and some Gentlemen
has occasioned this Publication of his
Integrity and good Services, which have
gone beyond any other Return they or
their Friends can make him.*

*N.B. This Account is proper to be sent by eve-
ry Gentleman concerned in Jamaica, to his
Friend there.*

F I N I S.

